

road shall be required to make oath that no part of said amount of interest has been derived from the sale of the bonds of the State.

Amendment.

SEC. 10. *Be it further enacted*, That the 22nd section of the charter of said company be amended so as to read as follows: That said company shall have power to construct branches to said road, or to connect with any other railroad that may be constructed: *Provided*, That no such branch shall cross any railroad now in existence, or in progress of construction, excepting the Wilmington and Weldon railroad; any contract that may be entered into with any other railroad company by the president and directors of the said company, after the consent of a majority of the stockholders first obtained, shall be binding on said company; and this act shall be in force from and after its ratification. [*Ratified the 7th day of February, 1859.*]

Chap. 166. AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE GREENVILLE AND FRENCH BROAD RAILROAD COMPANY.

Counties may
subscribe.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same*, That it shall be competent for any county through which said road is intended to pass to subscribe to the capital stock of said company any sum or sums that may be determined on by the court of pleas and quarter sessions of such county, a majority of the justices of the peace of said county being present, and approved by a majority of the lawfully qualified voters of such county, to be ascertained as hereinafter provided.

People to vote.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That when the county court of any of said counties shall from time to time determine to subscribe any amount of stock to said company, they shall so declare on the record, and make an order to submit the question to a vote of the people of the county, and said election shall be held at all the election precincts of said county, and at such time or times as said courts shall order, and the court shall appoint judges, and make all needful rules and orders for holding said election, and the sheriff of